

## REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR September 8, 2004

### **OUR NEW SAG APPLICATION IS READY**

We have completed the new Site Assessment Grant (SAG) application form and instructions and posted them at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm>. The new instruction sheet clarifies recent changes to the SAG process. SAG applications are due November 12, 2004. We are unable to establish a later deadline due to the steps that must be taken by applicants and by DNR in order to encumber funds for successful applicants before the end of the state fiscal year. Don't forget that round 6 SAG training is this month in Milwaukee, Sept. 13; Eau Claire, Sept. 22; Green Bay, Sept. 23 and Madison, Sept. 29. The training will cover revisions to the SAG rules and the scoring system, recommendations for preparing high quality applications, grant reimbursement and administration procedures and opportunities for discussion with DNR staff on specific projects. More information is on the web at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm#training>.

### **COASTAL MANAGEMENT GRANTS REMINDER**

Approximately \$1,500,000 is available in Coastal Management Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Administration. Previous coastal management grants have helped clean up brownfields in counties located along Lakes Michigan and Superior. Applications are due November 8, 2004, and more information is available at [http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext\\_detail.asp?linksubcatid=249](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=249)

### **EPA POSTS BROWNFIELD GRANT GUIDELINES**

EPA has now posted their federal fiscal year 2005 guidelines for federal brownfield grants at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>. Four types of grants are available – assessment, cleanup, revolving loan fund and job training. EPA's application deadline is November 12, 2004.

### **TRANSACTION FORUM AT BROWNFIELDS 2004 CONFERENCE**

The St. Louis Brownfields 2004 conference, September 20 to 22<sup>nd</sup>, will include a new transaction forum to help cities match brownfield sites with potential developers. The forum will be on Monday, September 20 from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. The forum is free, but pre-registration is required by September 10, this Friday. Site cleanups do not have to be completed in order to include a site in the forum. For more information, please see <http://www.brownfields2004.org/en/article.aspx?id=69>

### **EPA "ALL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY" RULE REMINDER**

EPA is accepting public comments until October 25<sup>th</sup> on its proposed rule requiring potential owners to conduct inquiries into the previous ownership, uses, and environmental conditions of land prior to purchase in order to obtain release from Superfund liability. EPA wants the proposed rule to encourage purchase, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfield properties. The proposed language will also apply to those applying for and using federal brownfield grants. For more information, including a fact sheet and the proposed rule language, please EPA's web page at: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/regneg.htm>.

## **SOUTHEAST REGION CONSULTANT DAY REMINDER**

Environmental consultants and others working on remediation and redevelopment projects in the southeast corner of the state should not miss our Southeast Region's Consultant Day on October 28. More information and the registration form are on our calendar at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar.htm>

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